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(RADIYALLĀHU 'ANH) SAID,

"WHEN ALLAH INSTILLED THE LOVE OF ISLAM IN MY HEART, I CAME TO THE PROPHET (SALLALLĀHU 'ALAYHI WA SALLAM) AND SAID, 'STRETCH OUT YOUR RIGHT HAND SO THAT I MAY PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO YOU.' HE STRETCHED OUT HIS RIGHT HAND; THEN I WITHDREW MY HAND. THE PROPHET SAID, 'WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, O 'AMR?' I REPLIED, 'I WANT STIPULATE A CONDITION.' HE ASKED, 'WHAT CONDITION DO YOU WANT TO STIPULATE?' I SAID, 'THAT I BE FORGIVEN.' THE PROPHET RESPONDED, 'ARE YOU NOT AWARE THAT ISLAM WIPES OUT ALL PREVIOUS SINS? AND THAT HIJRAH WIPES OUT ALL PREVIOUS SINS? AND THAT HAJJ WIPES OUT ALL PREVIOUS SINS?'"

[SAHĪH MUSLIM]

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Amr Ibn Al 'As (رضي الله عنه) said,

"When Allah instilled the love of Islam in my heart, I came to the Prophet (sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam) and said, 'stretch out your right hand so that I may pledge allegiance to you.' He stretched out his right hand; then I withdrew my hand.

The Prophet said,

'What has happened to you, O 'Amr?' I replied, 'I want stipulate a condition.' He asked, 'what condition do you want to stipulate?' I said, 'that I be forgiven.' the Prophet responded, 'are you not aware that Islam wipes out all previous sins? And that Hijrah wipes out all previous sins? And that Hajj wipes out all previous sins?"

[Sahih Muslim]

When the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) migrated to Madinah, At-Tufayl Ibn Amr Ad Dawsī (رضي الله عنه) migrated to the Prophet, and along with

At-Tufayl migrated a man of his tribe. They later disliked residence in Madinah [because of disease and fatigue caused by its climate].

The man fell sick and lost patience. So, he took hold of a wide arrowhead and cut off his finger joints. The blood gushed forth from his hands, until he died.

At-Tufail Ibn Amr then saw him in a dream. His appearance was good, but he was covering his hands.

At-Tufail said to him,

'What did your lord do with you?'

he replied, 'Allah granted me forgiveness because of my Hijrah to his Prophet.'

At-Tufail said,

'Why do I see you covering your hands?'

he replied, 'I was told, 'we will not mend what you have damaged.'

At-Tufail narrated this dream to Allah's messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

Then Allah's messenger prayed,

'O Allah, forgive him also for his two hands."
[Sahih Muslim]